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TOPIC Military Information from the Quartering Area of the 207th Mz Rifle Div
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1. On 3 and 23 April 1954, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5101), Gardelegen, was still occupied to capacity by about 1,800 to 2,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Training in firing with light infantry weapons was held in the barracks training area on the two days of observation. On 23 April, 2 platoons, each of about 35 soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying small arms and practice targets left the installation toward the training area. The two apartment buildings, which were under construction east of the installation, had been completed to the roof.

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2. On 30 May, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5101), Gardelegen, appeared to be occupied to capacity. Most of the windows of the quarters were open. About 7 trucks were seen in the barracks yard. Work was performed on the apparently multistoried building which was under construction east of the installation.

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3. On 3 and 23 April, the Remonteschule (5102), Gardelegen, was occupied as previously by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport and tank insignia, and black-bordered blue epaulets. On 3 April, 2 armored personnel carriers and truck carrying square beams left the installation. Jeep occupied by 3 officers wearing artillery insignia was seen entering the installation. On 23 April, training with 6 motorcycles was held in the barracks yard. Troops with climbing irons entered the installation, coming from the radar station.

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4. On 14 May, the Remonteschule, Gardelegen, was occupied to capacity. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen at the barracks gate. At 1700, numerous soldiers were seen at the open windows of the installation.

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5. On 30 April and 14 May, the barracks installation south of Staats (B 53/I 64) appeared to be occupied. The barracks area was cordoned off by sentries. Five trucks and 5 troops were seen at the edge of the woods south of the installation.

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12 May, the Artillerie Kaserne (5341), Perleberg, was occupied by a guard detail. A sentry in front of the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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7. Between 1 and 20 May, the Artillerie Kaserne (5341), Perleberg, was occupied by a guard detail. Colonel Bragin (fnu) had returned from leave. Colonel Kusnetsov (fnu), supply officer of Unit Bragin, allegedly had been transferred to the army headquarters.

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8. On 12 May, a Dumbo-type radar set was observed in the northwest corner of Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5342), Perleberg. A radar set of the same type had been observed in Gardelegen. Four radio cars, 2 tents and about 20 troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were observed with the radar set.

9. Between 1 and 20 May, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Perleberg, was occupied by units of Lieutenant Colonel Melnikov and Captain Shumelkov. The dependents of the officers stationed in Camp Schweinrich were also quartered in the camp.

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10. On 8 May, Alte Reiter Kaserne and Neue Reiter Kaserne (5261), Ludwigslust, were only lightly occupied. About 15 percent of the windows of the installation were lighted after nightfall. No training was observed in the installation. A soldier wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia was seen in the town.

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11. On 8 May, about 20 percent of the windows of the installation at the Tschentzin airfield (5262), Ludwigslust, were lighted at dusk.

12. On 28 May, the Tschentzin airfield was not occupied to capacity. Five T-34 tanks were seen through the open doors of the sheds. Eight soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia left the installation. About 80 individual soldiers were seen in the barracks area. Four tanks entered the installation from the barracks training area.

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13. On 27 May, the Alte Kaserne (5321), Parchin, was occupied by only a small guard detail and the Neue Kaserne (5322) was occupied by about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Three platoons, totaling about 110 soldiers carrying light infantry weapons, left the latter installation for formation drill at the training area. Trucks which carried coal, entered the installation.

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14. No unloadings were observed at the Wittstock and Dranse railroad stations on and after 5 May. Numerous tank tracks led from the Dranse railroad station toward Camp Schweinrich, which was occupied by large units.

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15. On 11 May, Camp Schweinrich was occupied. No training or firing was observed. The Schweinrich-Zechlin road was no longer restricted. Motor vehicles were seen en route to the camp.

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16. Prior to 4 June, Camp Schweinrich was occupied by tank units. On 14 May, all approach roads to the camp were blocked by barriers guarded by sentries. Motor vehicles

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were observed on that day. On 26 May, 8 T-34 tanks, 2 SP guns, 2 armored personnel carriers, 8 trucks towing 120-mm mortars and 3 two-axle armored personnel carriers and 16 trucks entered the Neu-Glienitz area from the direction of Schweinrich and took positions in Jagen Nos 92 and 105. After a 5-minute fire at targets in Jagen Nos 95, 96 and 121, the column left toward the north. On 27 May, the same units were seen in a simulated attack with live ammunition in Jagen Nos 98 and 104 in the Hammelstall area. On 1 June, motor vehicles

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[redacted] were seen entering Camp Schweinrich. The newly constructed buildings in the camp had been occupied by officers' families.³

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17. On 1 June, advanced combat practice firing with small arms was held north of Alt-Lutterow. Eight trucks [redacted] were seen nearby. On 2 June, 200 officers, who arrived in trucks and sedans, inspected the Hammelstall and Neu-Glienicke areas in Lower No 110. The vehicles [redacted] subsequently left toward Rheinsberg and Neuruppin. [redacted] this column left for Schwerin on 3 June.⁴

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18. Between 13 May and 4 June, no firing practices in the Rheinsberg-Zechow-Braunsberg area were observed. The guard detail of this area was stationed in Zechow.
19. Between 13 and 21 May, bombing from MiG-15s was practiced over the training area and its vicinity. The practice caused large forest fires.

1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the 595th Mtz Rifle Regt and the 780th Gun Arty Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div were located in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne prior to late May. These units of the division, including the unidentified Mtrcl Bn stationed in Remonteschule, also stayed at their quarters during preceding summers, with elements being rotated to exercises. Except for the high strength figure and the truck carrying square beams, the information fails to furnish indications for the 390th Indep Engr Bn of the LXIX Mtz Rifle Corps assumed stationed in Remonteschule. After early May, however, the battalion can be carried at the Bittkau training site. The barracks installation south of Staats is possibly occupied by units of the above-mentioned division from Stendal.

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2. [redacted] Comment. In late April, the units of the 18th Mech Div had left their three posts for the Wittstock troop training grounds. A Dumbo-type radar set in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Perleberg is reported for the first time. The officers observed at the post are known. The Techentin airfield is apparently still occupied by the 63d Tank Tng Bn (UC). It has been observed throughout the zone that the tank training battalions remained at the posts. The Neue Kaserne, Parchim, is probably occupied by a major rear detail of the 60th Mech Regt.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The transfer to the Wittstock troop training grounds of elements of the 18th Mech Div was completed by 5 May. Training probably started in mid-May and extended as far as the Neu-Glienicke area, which, so far has been used for firing practices exclusively by units of the 12th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] the T-34 tanks observed on 26 May, belonged to the 33d Tank Regt (UC). The quartering in troop camps of Soviet dependents has also been reported from other training grounds in East Germany.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The officers observed in early June may have belonged to the IX Mtz Rifle Corps or the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Schwerin. The motor vehicles, however, belong not only to the Third Shock Army but also to the 56th Motor Trans Regt of the GOFG, units of which [redacted] conducted advanced combat practice firing north of Alt-Lutterow on 1 June. [redacted] elements of the regiment transferred from Kummerdorf to Wittstock [redacted] on 27 May. The shipment which was observed passing through Oranienburg [redacted] Units of the regiment presumably were to be rotated to the Wittstock troop training grounds for short-term advanced combat practice firing.

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